

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 3 to 16 are pending in this application. Please amend the claims, and add new claims 17 and 18, as follows:

- 1 - 2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
 - a liquid crystal display panel;
 - a luminaire disposed so as to irradiate said liquid crystal display panel with light, and having at least one fluorescent lamp;
 - a housing containing at least said luminaire;
 - at least one lamp holder holding said at least one fluorescent lamp at [[the]] an electrode portion; and
 - at least one spacer provided between an outer surface of said lamp holder and a surface of another member which is different from said lamp holder.
4. (previously presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein the thermal conductivity of said spacer is equal to or lower than the thermal conductivity of said lamp holder.
5. (previously presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein the thermal conductivity of said at least one lamp holder is lower than the thermal conductivity of silicone rubber.
6. (previously presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein said lamp holder has a plurality of pores therein.
7. (previously presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein said housing has at least one opening or at least one notch corresponding to at least one electrode portion of said at least one fluorescent lamp.
8. (previously presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3 wherein said spacer has a plurality pores therein.

9. (previously presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3 wherein said spacer is provided between said at least one lamp holder and said housing.
10. (previously presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3 wherein said at least one fluorescent lamp is a cold cathode fluorescent lamp having double-piped structure.
11. (withdrawn) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a liquid crystal display panel;
a luminaire disposed so as to irradiate said liquid crystal display panel with light, having at least one fluorescent lamp; and
an upper frame and a lower frame sandwiching at least said liquid crystal display panel and at least said luminaire therebetween,
wherein said at least one fluorescent lamp is a cold cathode fluorescent lamp having double-piped structure, and
said lower frame has at least one opening or at least one notch corresponding to at least one electrode portion of said at least one fluorescent lamp.
12. (withdrawn) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 11, further comprising:
at least one lamp holder holding said at least one fluorescent lamp at the electrode portion of said at least one fluorescent lamp,
wherein said at least one lamp retains heat.
13. (withdrawn) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a liquid crystal display panel;
a luminaire disposed so as to irradiate said liquid crystal display panel with light, having at least one fluorescent lamp; and
at least one lamp holder holding said at least one fluorescent lamp at the electrode portion of said at least one fluorescent lamp,

wherein said at least one fluorescent lamp is a cold cathode fluorescent lamp having double-piped structure, and

the thermal conductivity of said at least one lamp holder is lower than the thermal conductivity of silicone rubber.

14. (withdrawn) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 13,
wherein said lamp holder has a plurality pores therein.
15. (currently amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a liquid crystal display panel;
a luminaire disposed so as to irradiate said liquid crystal display panel with light, having at least one fluorescent lamp;
a housing containing at least said luminaire; and
at least one lamp holder holding said at least one fluorescent lamp at [[the]] an electrode portion,
wherein said at least one fluorescent lamp is a cold cathode fluorescent lamp having double-piped structure, and
further comprising at least one spacer provided between said lamp holder and said housing.
16. (previously presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 15,
wherein the thermal conductivity of said spacer is equal to or lower than the thermal conductivity of said lamp holder.
17. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3,
wherein said at least one lamp holder is a rubber bushing.
18. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 15,
wherein said at least one lamp holder is a rubber bushing.